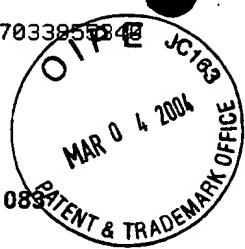


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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Please find the following documents for U.S. Application No. 09/171,236.

1. Amendment;
2. Amendment Transmittal; and
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